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Notes on a conversation w/  
[redacted]

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- 1 - Centralizing review cut response time (from time in to time out) to about one-third of what it used to be.
- 2 - COC 101/PA/MR backlog is about 500. Total backlog is about 3,000. This includes cards out for coordination w/ other agencies, copying and sending out copies to requestors of finished cases, some being processed in, etc.
- 3 - Estimate, the average time to answer an FOI case is five months, from time in to time out. With more people they could probably bring this down to about two months.
- 4 - Centralizing the review has improved consistency tremendously. In fact, [redacted] is more worried about material released before the review was centralized because the desk people, in many instances, did not know what they were doing / they were not conversant with the E.O., directives, etc on declassification review, etc.

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Re Air Force far east history  
in talking w/ DOD historian, offical

[redacted] had to back off from total withholding of the history. Will excise some things and write a disclaimer.

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[redacted] pointed out that CDC reviewers make appointments and talk directly with the leak officer on specific questions concerning classification/declassification. They normally discuss a sampling of material in a given case and then the CDC reviewer does the entire review himself. In a particularly sensitive case, all the documents may be discussed. In some cases, about 80% of the time, CDC can handle the case alone.